

# Physics 122 – Class #10 – Outline

- **Announcements**
- Interference of light waves
  - Double slit
    - Diffraction Grating
  - Single slit
  - Interferometer

# **Reading – Next Week**

ALL of Chapter 25 ...

It is key to rest of course.

## **Main Concepts**

Coulomb's Law

Charge

Electric Field

Applies to lab

# **Exam #1**

**Next THURSDAY 2/19/2014**

**... in CLASS**

**Covers Ch. 20, 21, 22, 23**

**Review Homework**

**Review Workbook (recitation questions)**

**One 3x5 card. One side. With equations only. No words / no pictures.**

**Card submitted with exam.**

# Reading Question (Ch 22)

What was the first experiment to show that light is a wave?

- A. Young's double-slit experiment.
- B. Galileo's observation of Jupiter's moons.
- C. The Michelson-Morley interferometer.
- D. The Pound-Rebka experiment.
- E. Millikan's oil-drop experiment.

# Ch. 22: Interference and Diffraction

$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

Condition for constructive interference between slits separated by “d”.

$$a \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

Condition for destructive interference for single slit of width “a”.

**In general:** Phase difference of  $2\pi m$  or path difference of  $\lambda$ , constructive interference.

## Clicker Question

Light sources 1 and 2 are oscillating in phase emit sinusoidal waves. Point P is 7.3 wavelengths from source 1 and 4.3 from source 2.

As a result, at P there is

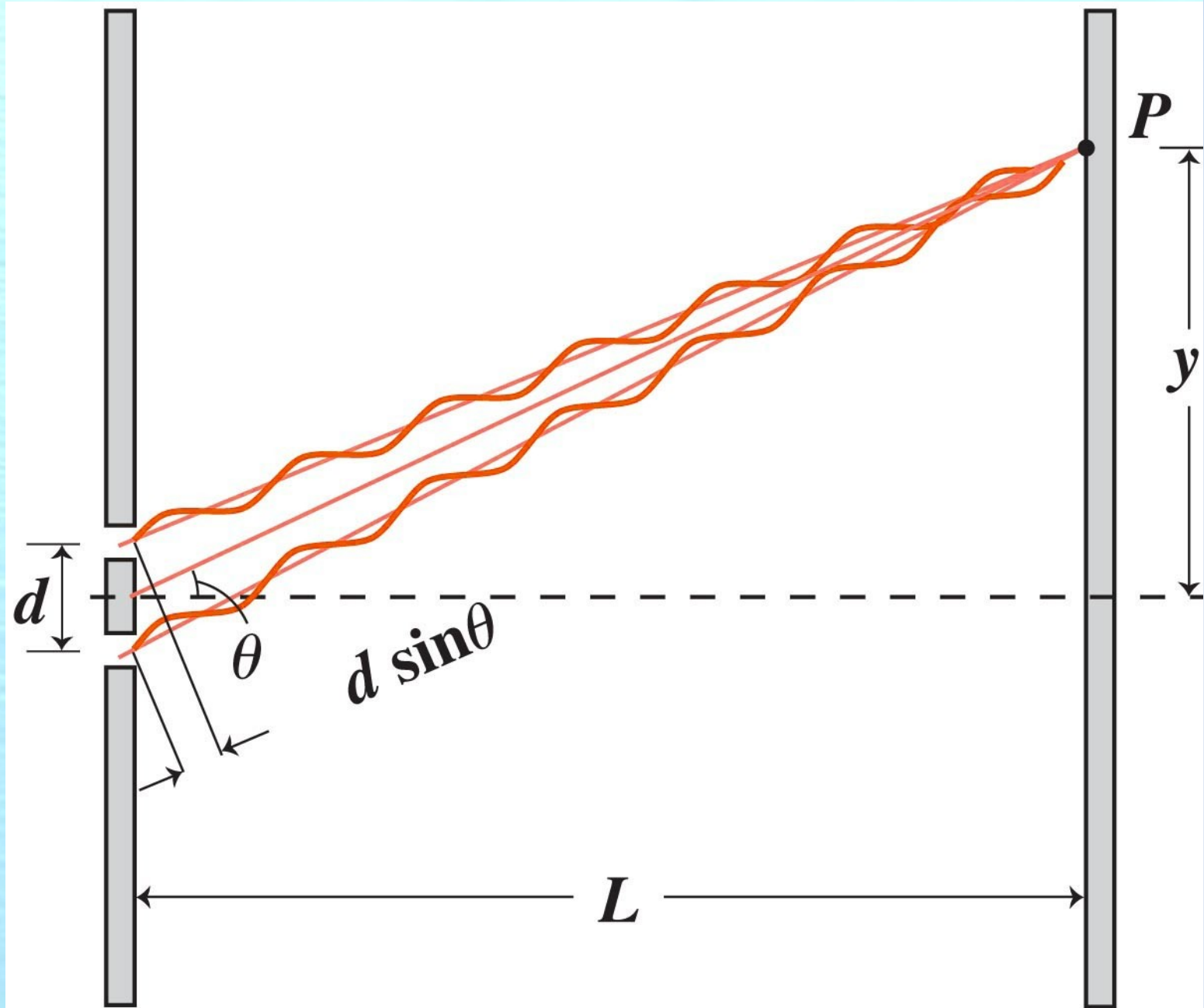
- (A) Constructive interference.
- (B) Destructive interference.
- (C) Neither constructive nor destructive interference.
- (D) Not enough information give to decide.

# Double slit Constructive interference

$$d \sin \theta = m \lambda$$

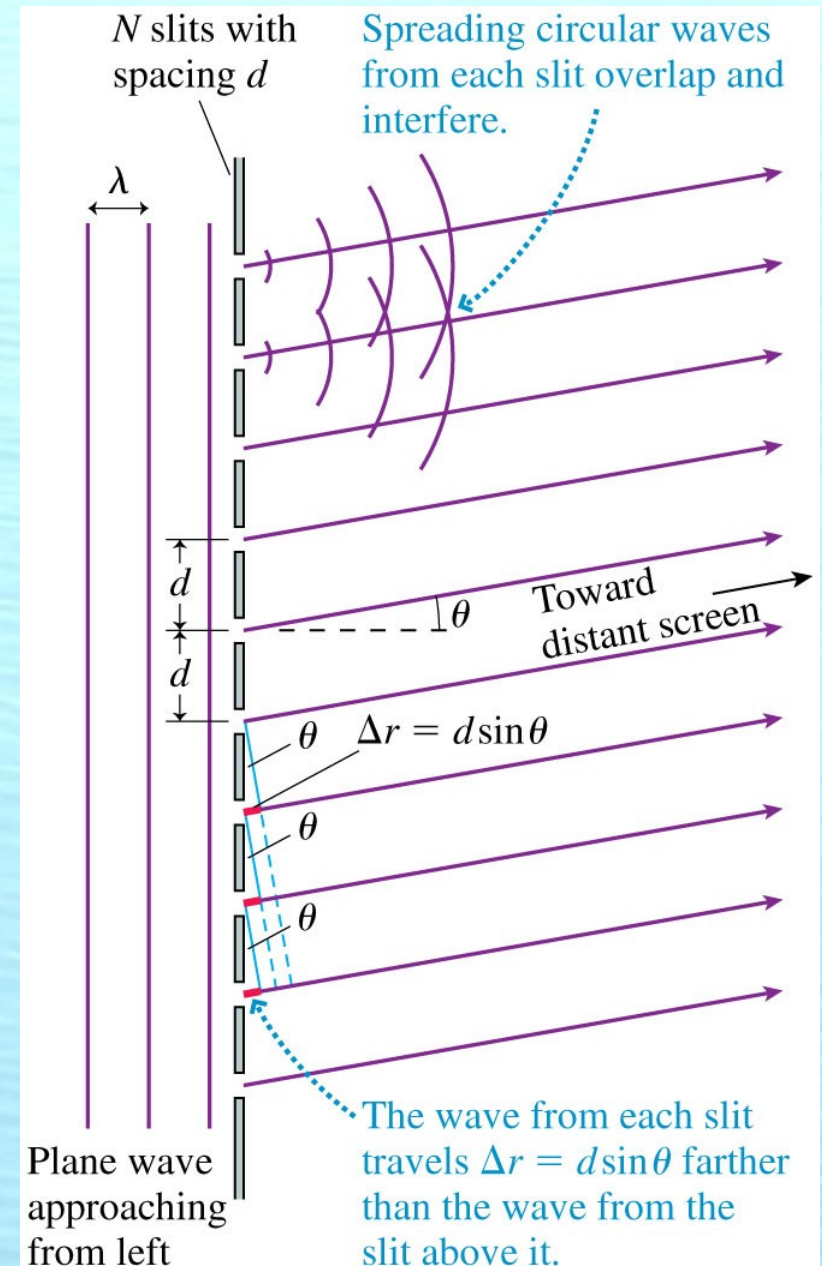
$$d \frac{y}{L} = m \lambda$$

$$y_{\max} = m \lambda \frac{L}{d}$$



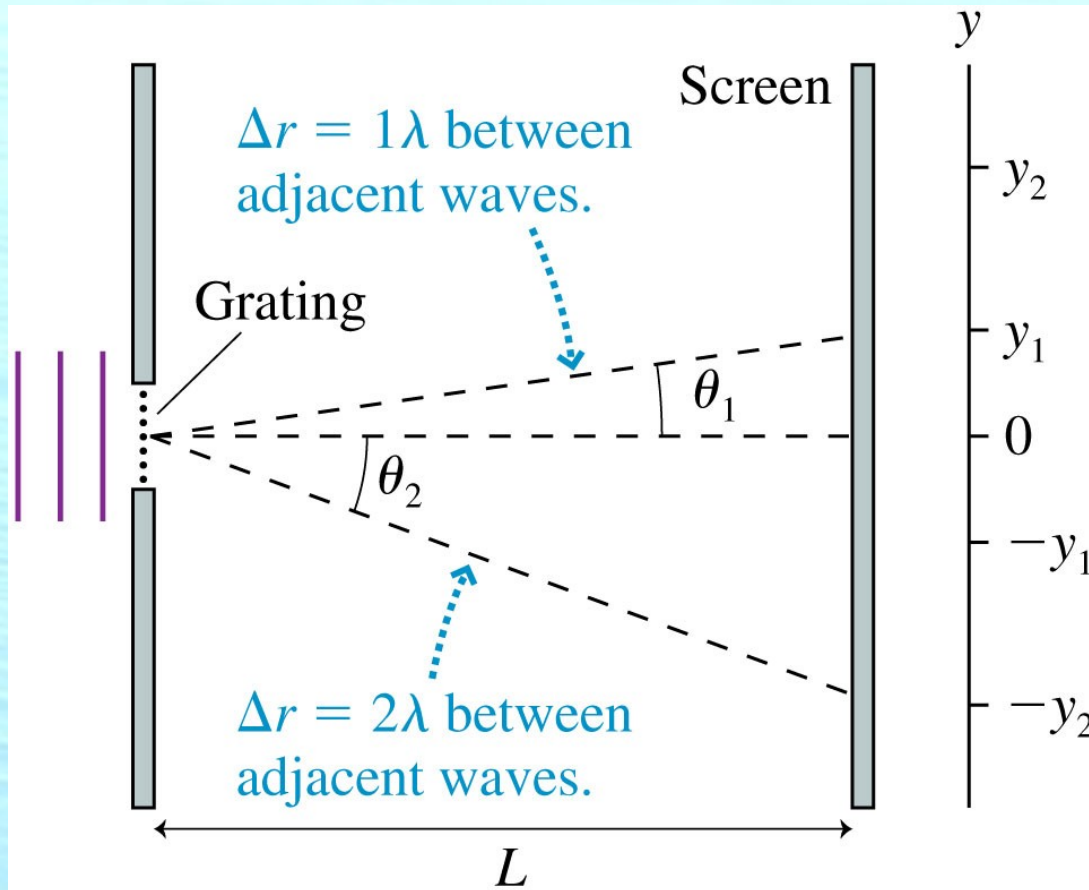
# The Diffraction Grating

- The figure shows a diffraction grating in which  $N$  slits are equally spaced a distance  $d$  apart.
- This is a top view of the grating, as we look down on the experiment, and the slits extend above and below the page.
- Only 10 slits are shown here, but a practical grating will have hundreds or even thousands of slits.





# Diffraction grating formula is same as double slit



Bright fringes will occur at angles  $\phi_m$ , such that

$$d \sin \phi_m = m\lambda$$

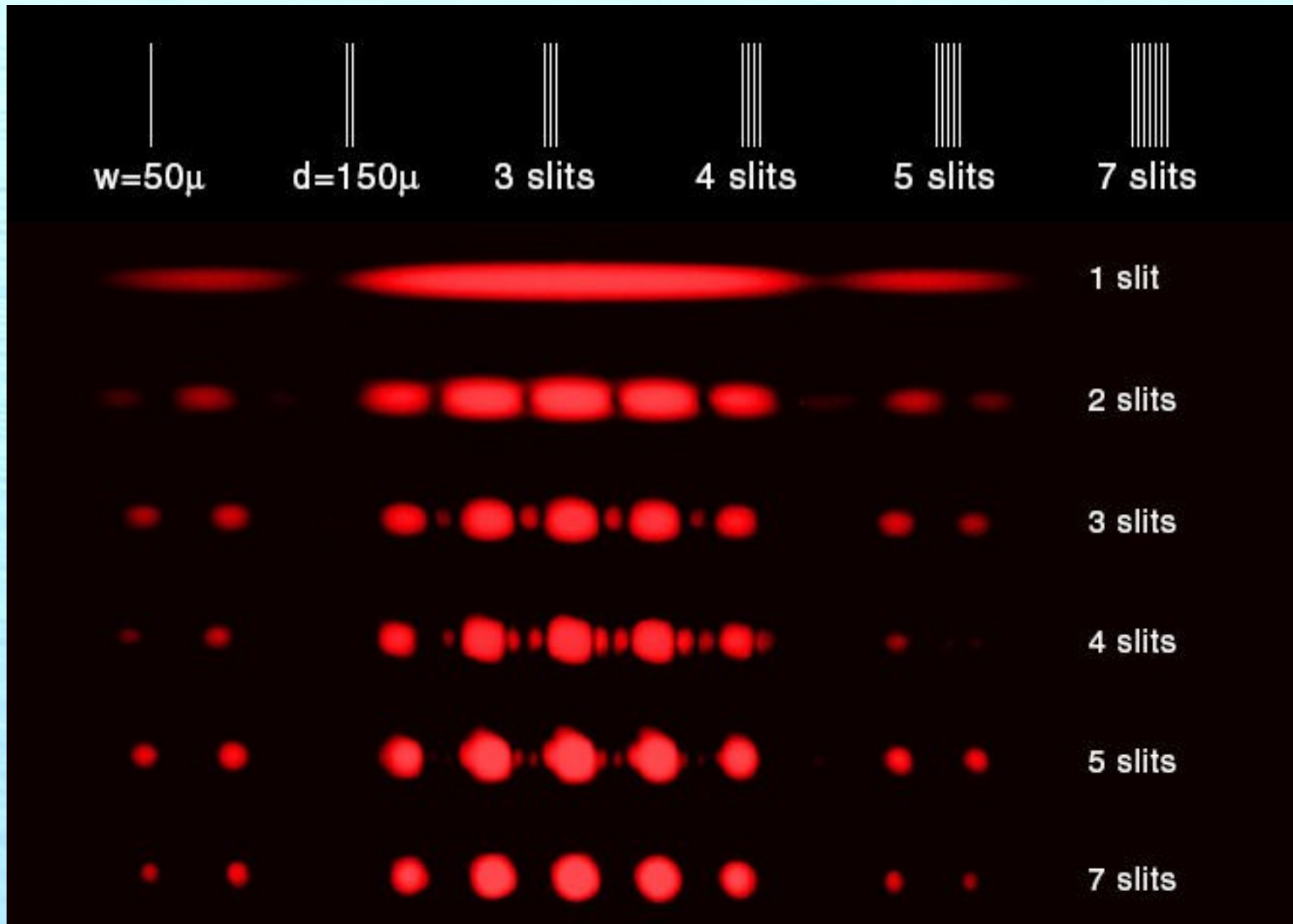
where  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Note that gratings are Specified in “line per inch”

The  $y$ -positions of these fringes are:

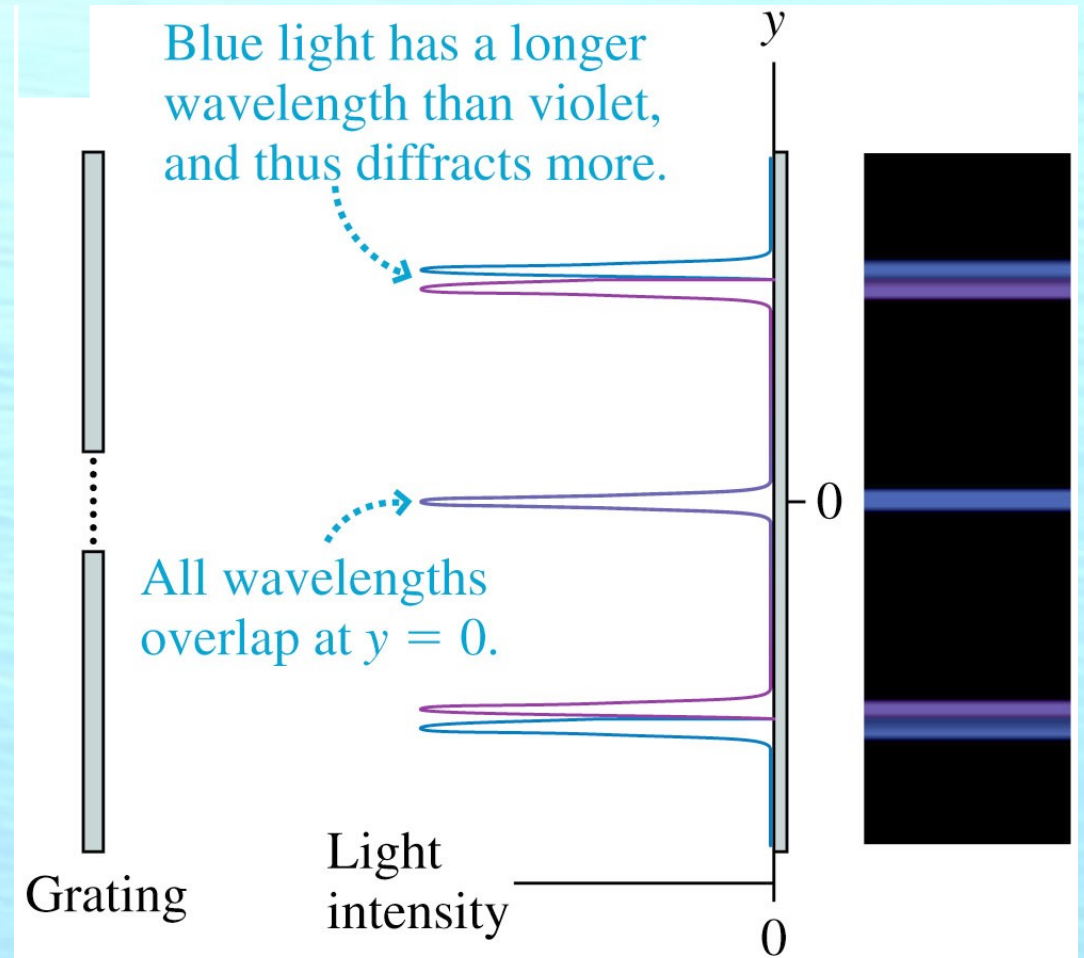
$$y_m = L \tan \theta_m \quad (\text{positions of bright fringes})$$

# From single slit to diffraction grating ...

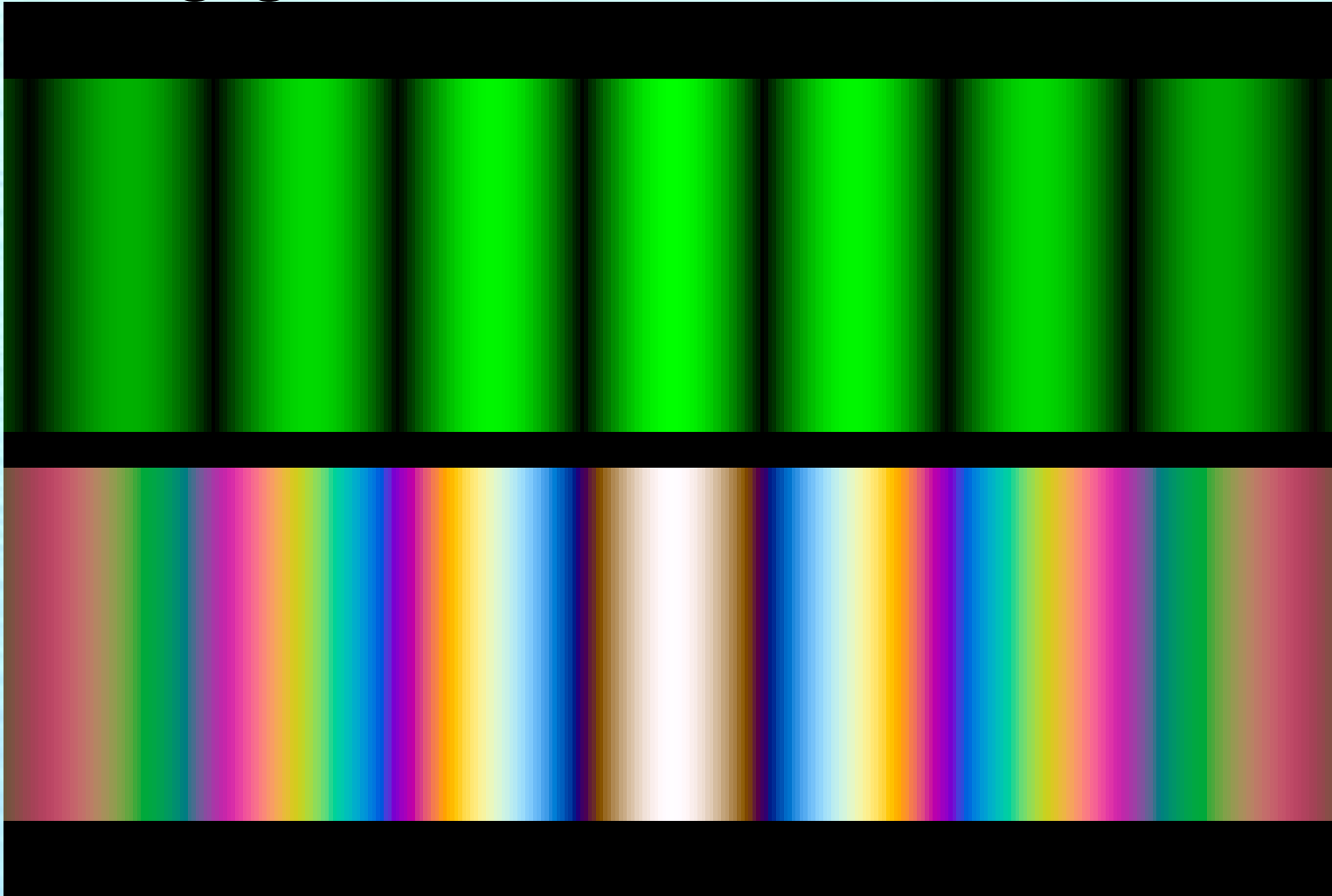


# The Diffraction Grating

- Diffraction gratings are used for measuring the wavelengths of light.
- If the incident light consists of two slightly different wavelengths, each wavelength will be diffracted at a slightly different angle.



**White light seen thru a diffraction grating gives rainbow bands**

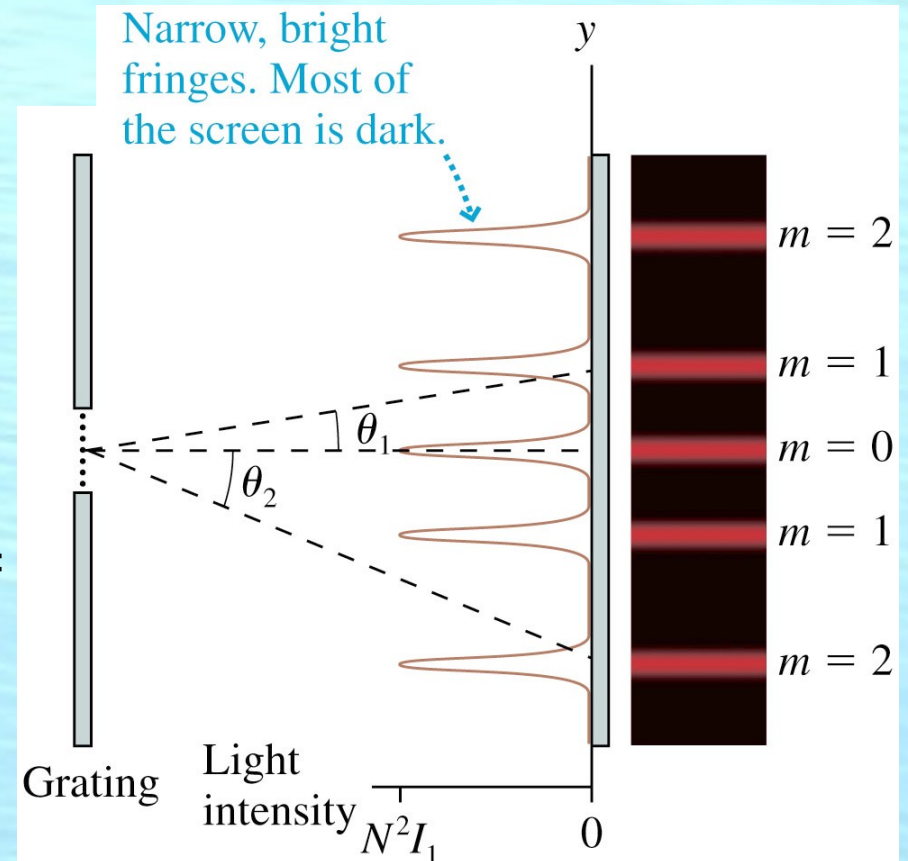


**You frequently see a “reflection grating”  
In your daily life ...**

**What is it?**

# The Diffraction Grating

- The integer  $m$  is called the **order** of the diffraction.
- The wave amplitude at the points of constructive interference is  $Na$ .
- Because intensity depends on the square of the amplitude, the intensities of the bright fringes are:
- By energy conservation, the dark regions between the spots should be bigger



# Homework 22.11

- Light of wavelength 600 nm illuminates a diffraction grating. The second-order maximum makes an angle of 39.5 degrees. How many lines per millimeter does the grating have?

# Diffraction and small angle approximation

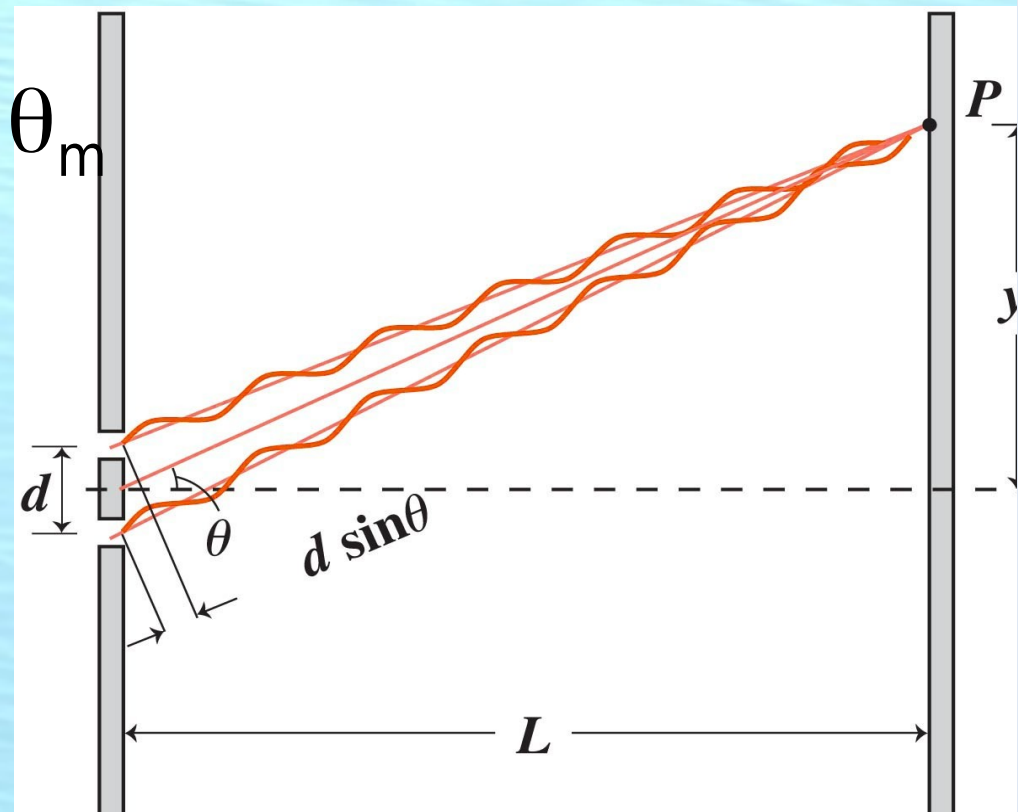
Exact:  $d \sin \theta_m = m \lambda$

Approximate:  $d \theta_m \sim m \lambda \rightarrow \theta_m = m \frac{\lambda}{d}$

Exact:  $y_m = L \tan \theta_m$

Approximate:  $y_m \sim L \sin \theta_m$

$$y_m \sim L m \frac{\lambda}{d}$$





# Taylor series and small angle approximation

$$\sin \theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} \dots$$

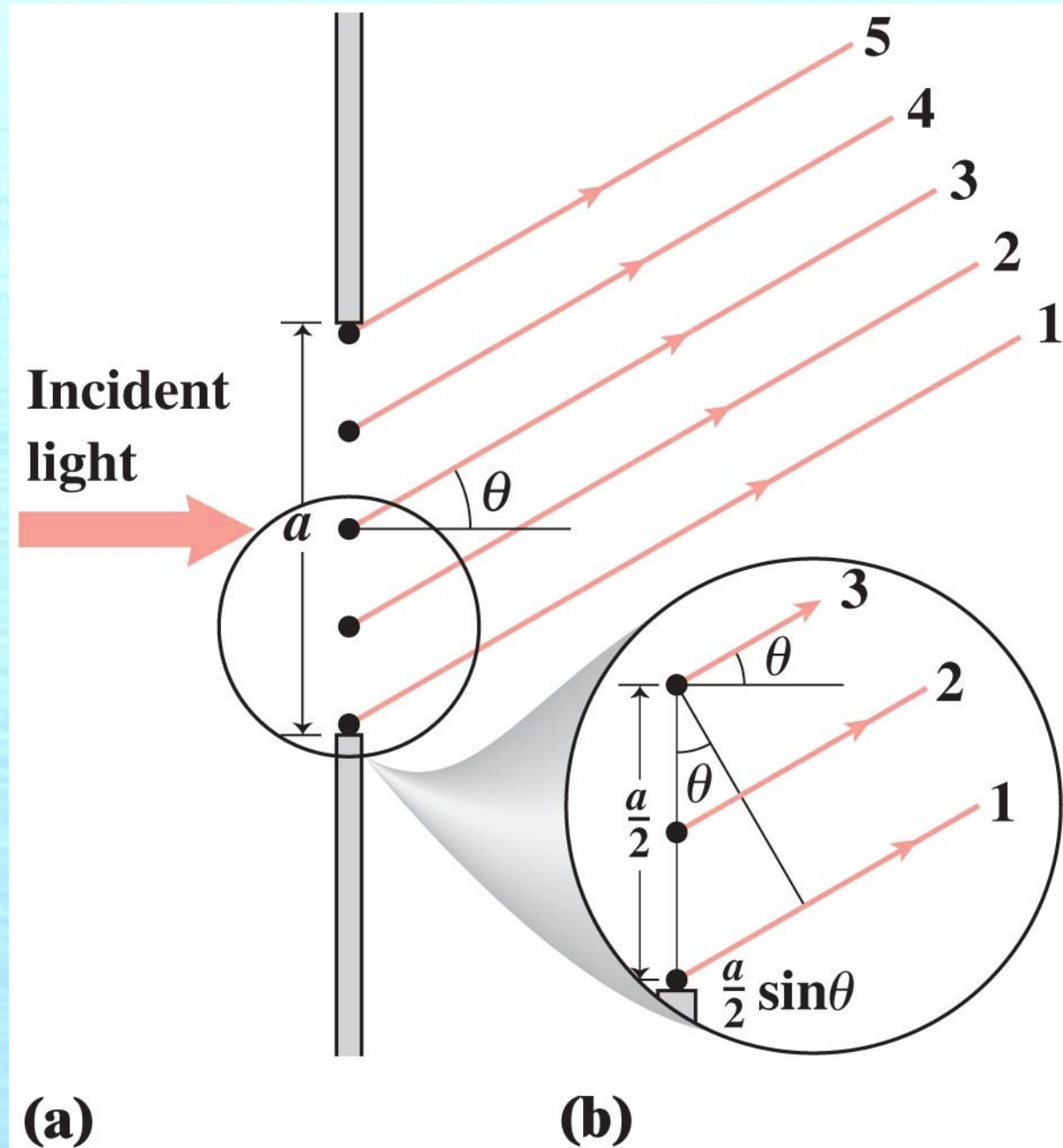
$$\tan \theta = \theta + 2 \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + 16 \frac{\theta^5}{5!} + \dots$$

# Single slit diffraction

Light from different  
Parts of a single  
slit interferes  
with itself  
Destructive  
Condition:

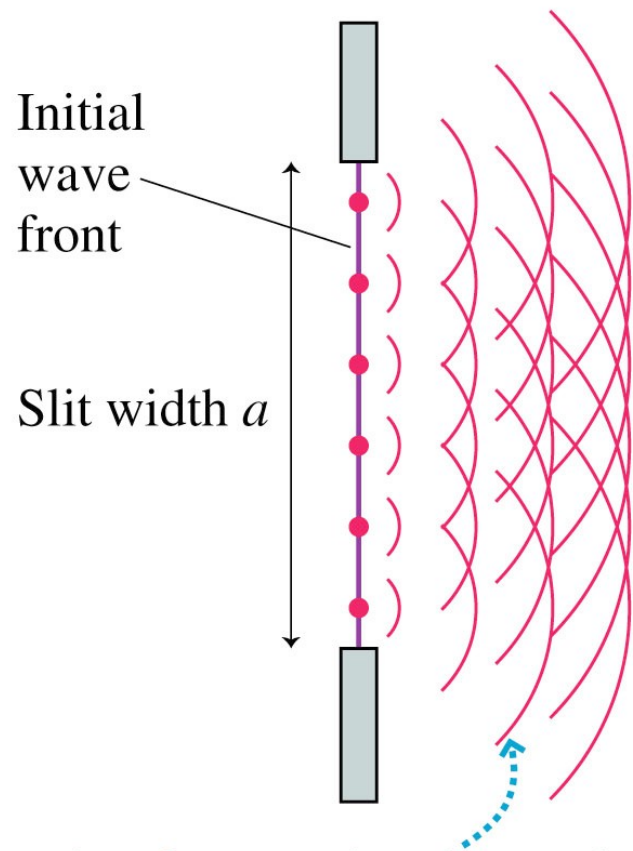
$$\frac{a}{2} \sin \theta = \lambda / 2$$

$$a \sin \theta = m \lambda$$



# Analyzing Single-Slit Diffraction

Greatly magnified view of slit

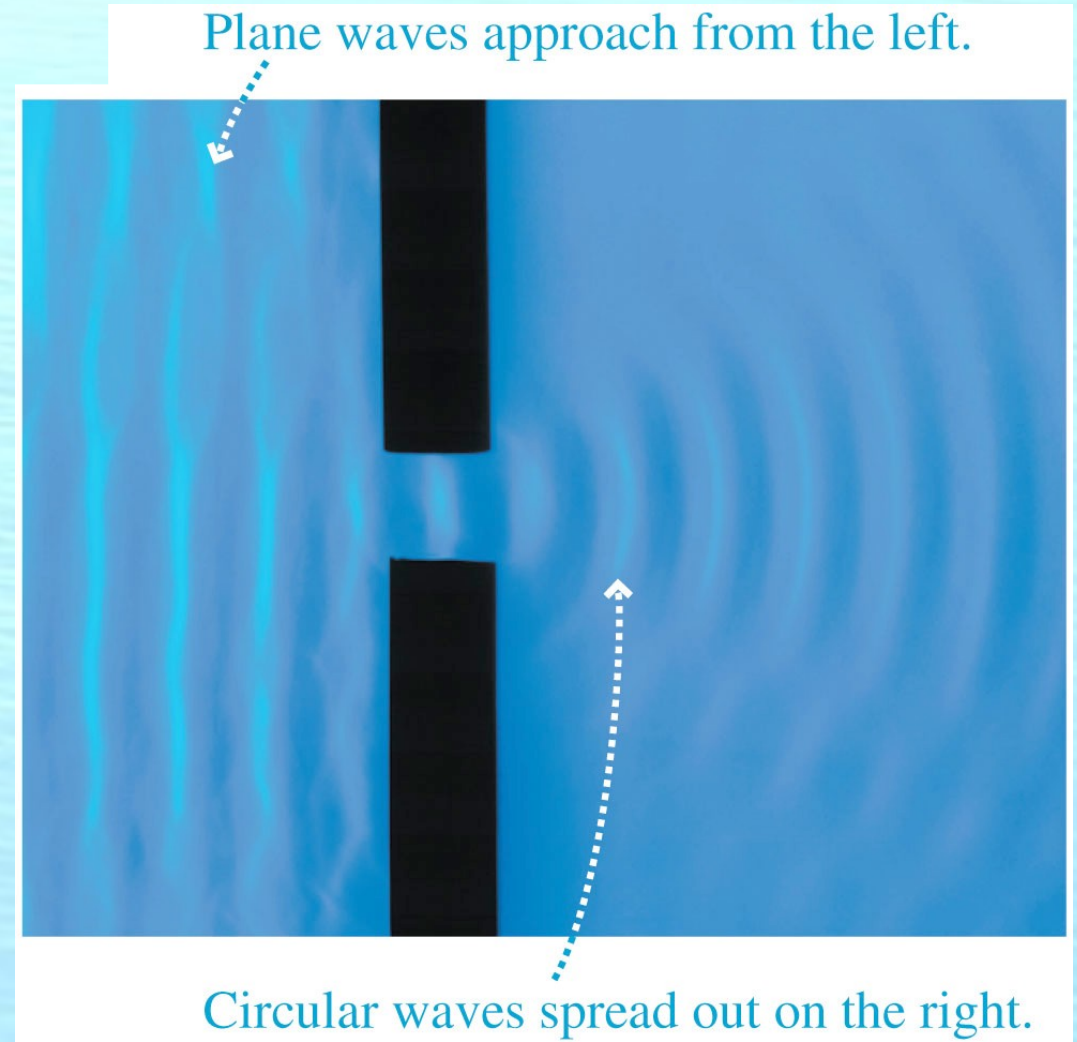


The wavelets from each point on the initial wave front overlap and interfere, creating a diffraction pattern on the screen.

- The figure shows a wave front passing through a narrow slit of width  $a$ .
- According to Huygens' principle, each point on the wave front can be thought of as the source of a spherical wavelet.

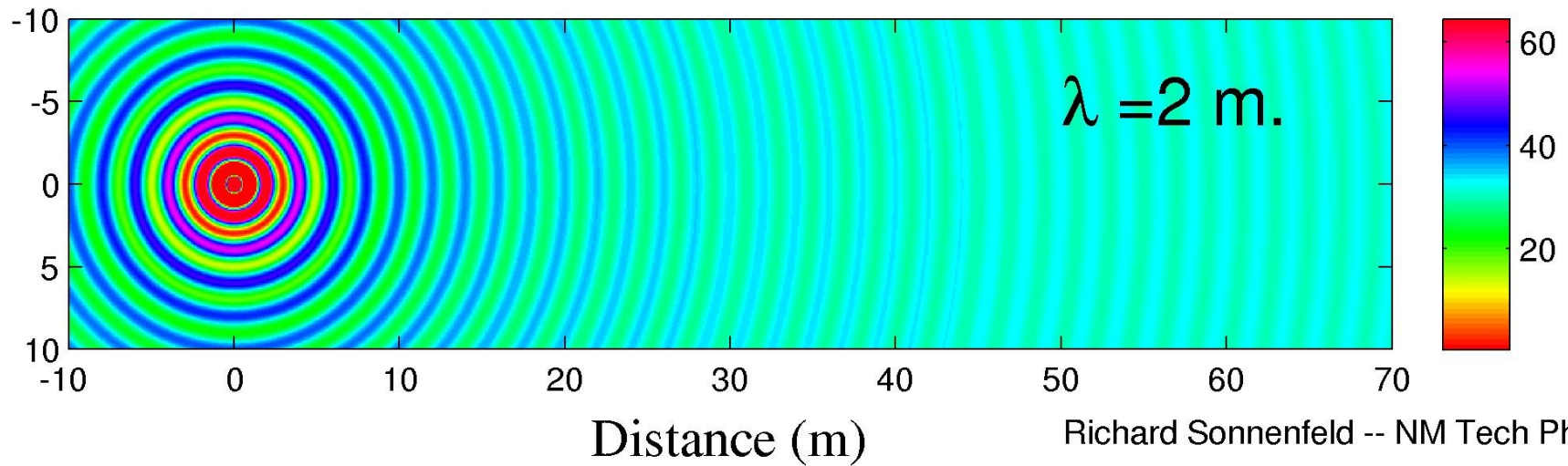
# Huyghens Principle

- Every point on a wave can be considered a new source for a spherical wave.
- Add up all the spherical waves to find out what diffraction pattern you get.



# Huyghens

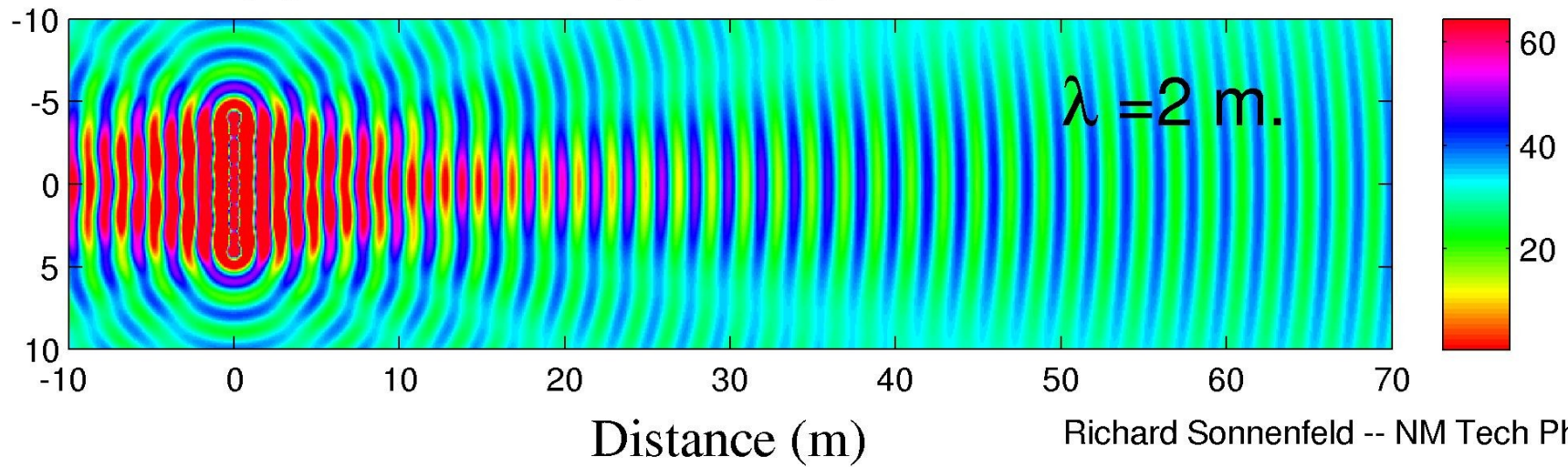
## Huyghen's Principle Single Slit ( $a=0.2$ m.)



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# Huyghens

## Huyghen's Principle Single Slit ( $a=8.0$ m.)



**Huyghens principle in action ...  
watch time dependence of wave**

# Single slit

A slit is 2.8 microns wide and an infrared laser with wavelength 2 microns shines through it. At what angle is the first null?

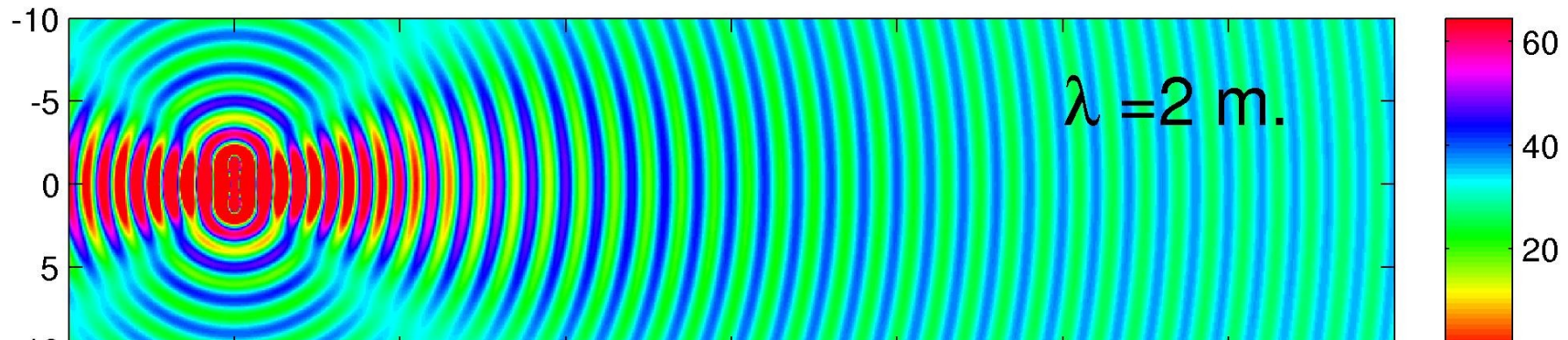
- (A) 30 degrees
- (B) 45 degrees
- (C) 60 degrees
- (D) 90 degrees
- (E) There is no first null



# Single slit

A slit is 2.8 m wide and a water wave with wavelength 2 microns passes through it. At what angle is the first null?

Huyghen's Principle Single Slit ( $a=2.8$  m.)



# Single slit

A slit is 4 microns wide and an infrared laser with wavelength 2 microns shines through it. At what angle is the second null?

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- (B) 45 degrees
- (C) 60 degrees
- (D) 90 degrees
- (E) There is no second null





# Single slit

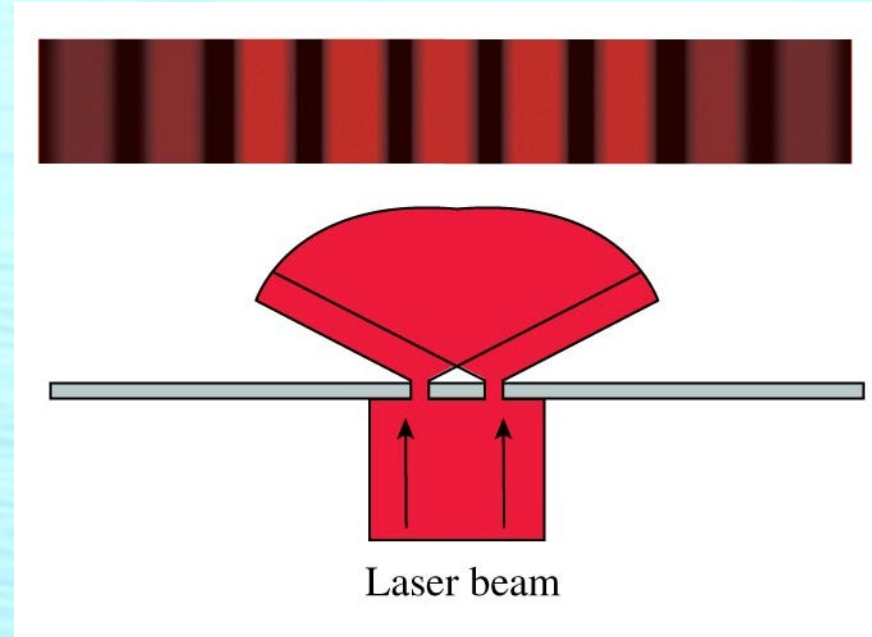
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# Clicker Questions

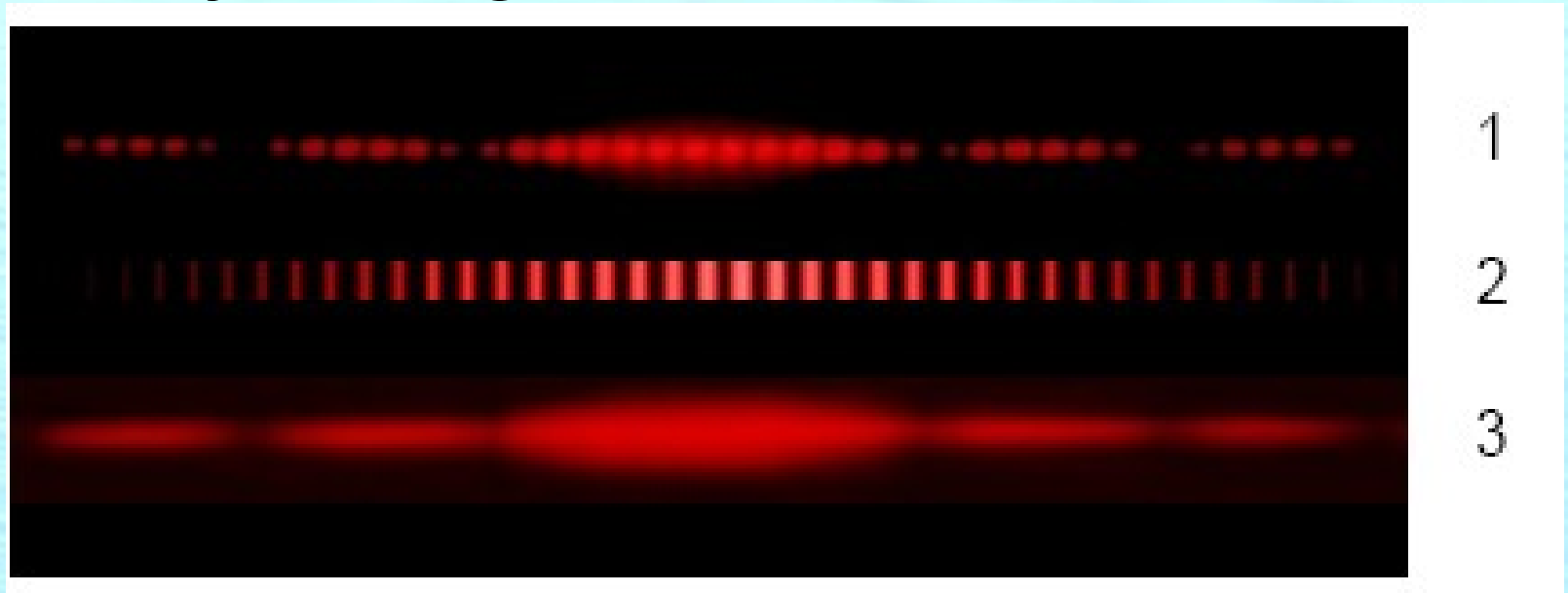
A laboratory experiment produces a double-slit interference pattern on a screen. If the left slit is blocked, the screen will look like

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 
- D. 



# Clicker Question

Which of these interference patterns could be formed by a single slit?



- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 1 and 2
- (E) 2 and 3

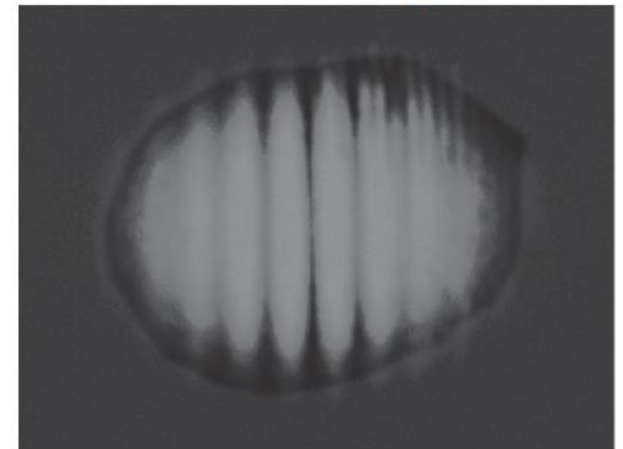
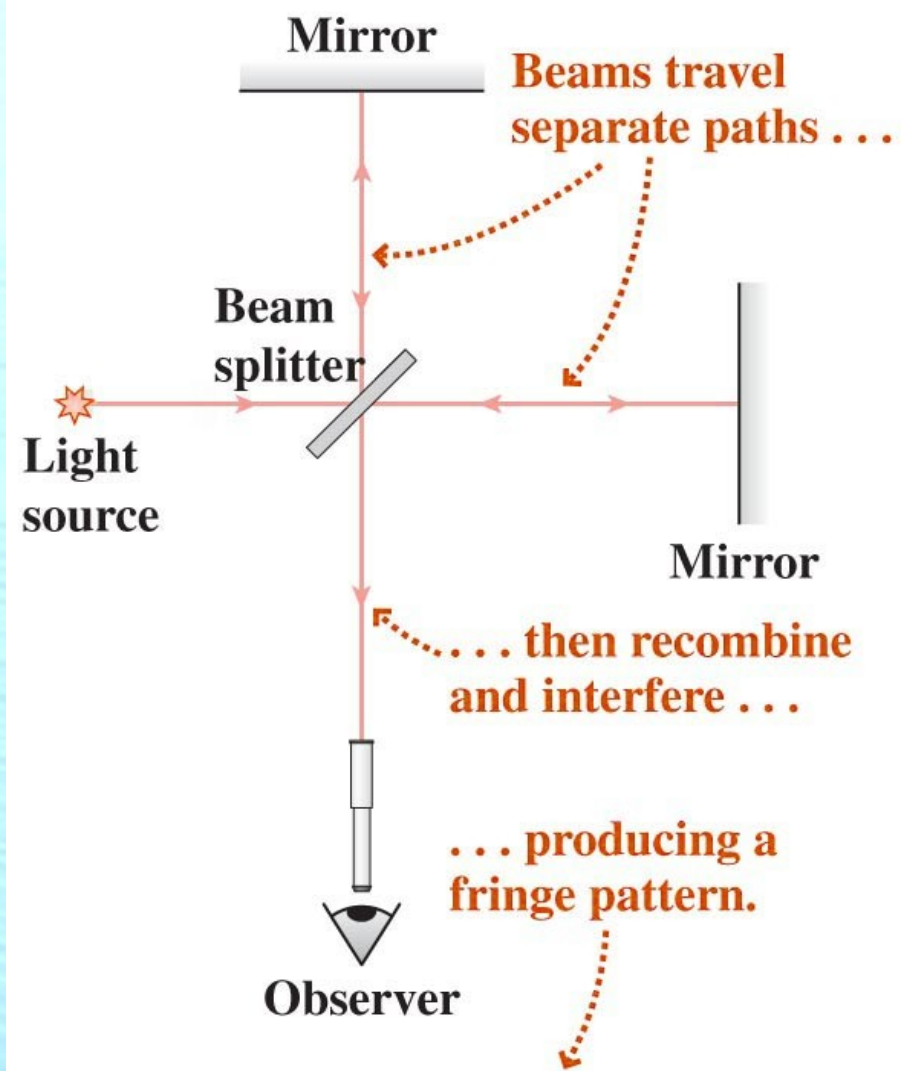
# Michelson Interferometer

Youtube tsphysics michelson  
LIGO Grav Wave Observatory

Can measure displacements  
a tiny fraction of wavelength  
of light.

Apps:

- Small indexes of refraction
- Nano-controllers
- grav-wave detection.
- Relativity



# Problems

Find the wavelength of light used in a Michelson interferometer if 550 bright fringes go by a fixed point when the mirror moves 0.15 mm.

$$\Delta x = 2 \Delta L \quad \Delta x = m \lambda$$

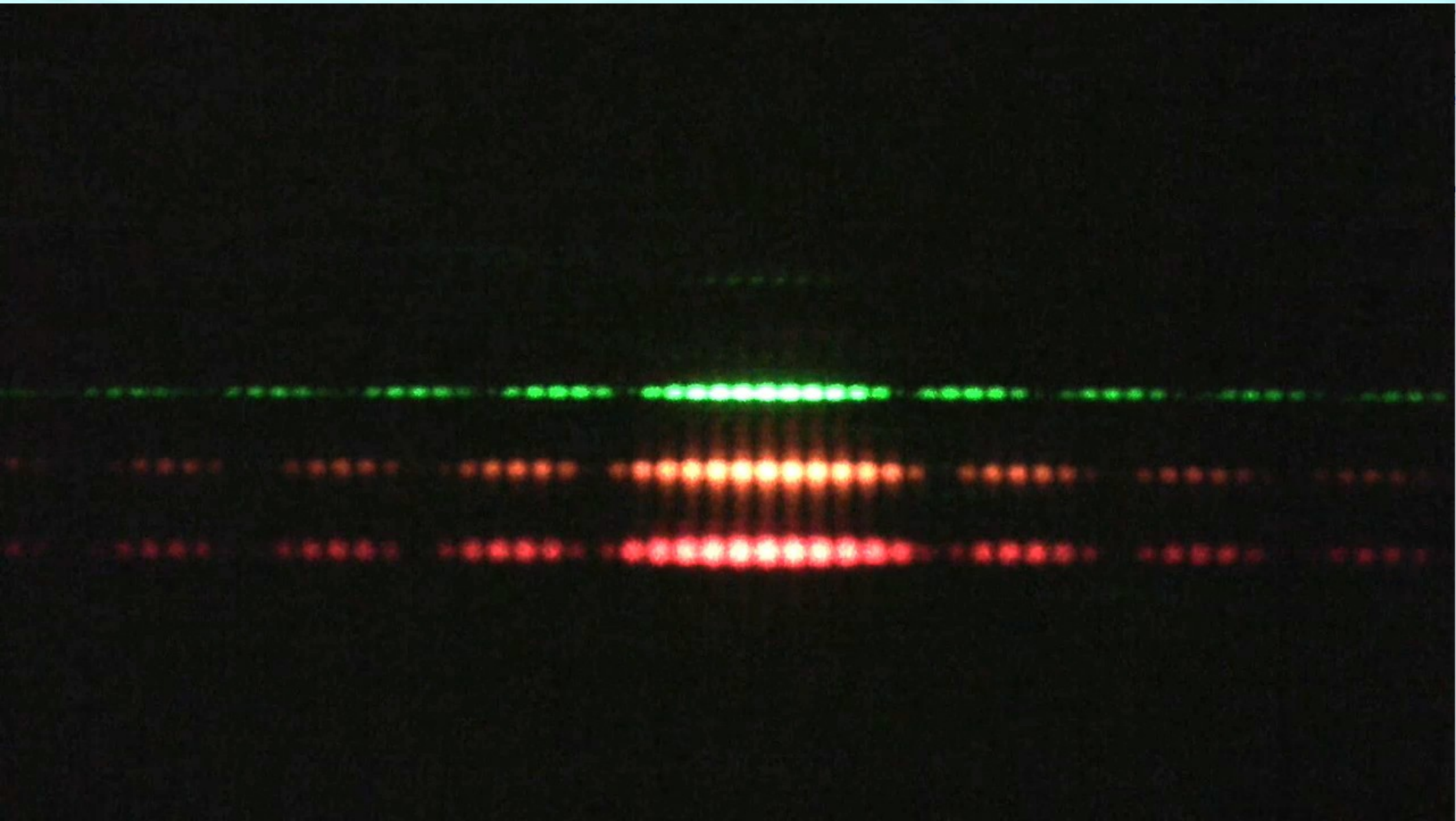
$$\lambda = \frac{2 \Delta L}{m} = \frac{2 \times 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}}{550}$$

# Problems

22-65) One arm of a Michelson interferometer is 42.5 cm long and enclosed in a box that can be evacuated. 388 fringes pass a point when the air is pumped out. For 641.6 nm laser light, what is the refractive index of air?



**Doubles slit diffraction is  
superposition of single and double slit**



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